

# Diamonds Class Newsletter

Working together to

*inspire nurture empower*

Autumn 1 - September 2024

## Welcome Back & Updates

Hello Families and welcome back after the summer break and welcome to Diamonds for our new families! We are all super excited for this year's adventures, we have lots of enticing themes this year and a lot of exciting learning to capture imaginations and wonder!



This half term we are becoming **"Traction mans"** super side kick and helping to keep our classroom **safe from the dreaded dish cloth, tickly feet** and helping to rescue the **falling spoons with our magnetic super powers**. When we have finished rescuing and patrolling we will be exploring **electricity** by making a refreshing smoothie with our **switch pressing** super powers! A perfect way to dive into our **magnet and electricity** topic. Pheww it is going to be so much fun (capes and super powers at the ready).



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## Key Concepts and Knowledge

We will be incorporating a range of **Makaton** and **topic based language** including: **hero, magnet, spoon, help, fruit and vegetables**.

This half term we will be developing our **communication**, through a range of different ways, using our **communication boards** to make choices at **snack time**. Using **PECs to chose more** of an activity and extending our learning through consistent use of now and next cards.

In **cognition** we will be looking at how we can progress our **switch skills** in different contexts, use our **problem solving skills** to identify how magnets work and in math we will be looking at **count to and on from 5, match objects to numbers and to identify 2D**



## Swimming

**Swimming is on a Tuesday, please make sure you send kit and spare socks. Please send swim kit in a separate bag.**

## Snack

Just to remind families that snack is to be paid for via Parent Pay. If you have not yet set this up or need any help. Please let the office know. Alternatively, you can send a snack in from home.

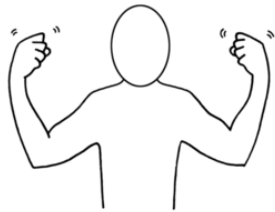


# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Makaton



Spoon



Hero

Magnet



## PSED/Physical

We are learning about “**healthy me**” where we will be exploring healthy food by making smoothies and road safety



As well as **our morning physical routine**, we are very lucky to have **amazing resources** to improve our **movement, rebound** is a favourite of Diamonds and **hydro**; who doesn't like relaxing in the pool listening to music while we do our physio?



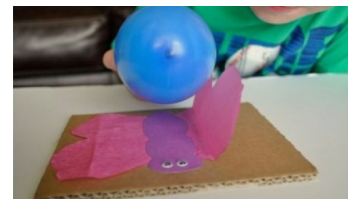
## Reading

Diamonds reading super stars will be bringing home their book bag and diary home this week, when you read with your child at home please fill in the diary. Lets have a fantastic year of reading.



## Creative Arts

This half term in Expressive we will be exploring **Art and DT**, where we will be exploring different ways to use **magnetics** to make art pictures and we will be using **balloons to make our butterflies wings move in DT!**



## Other Activities for Home!

It is always exciting to go out on an adventure. Why not explore the changes outside in the coming autumn months? What new sounds can you hear? Does it smell different? What colours are the trees changing to?



Read some stories at home, these could be themed to do with our **topic** or just a really lovely book your child favours.

Enjoy yourself and have fun with the activities you do together. Don't forget to try to be more aware of your surroundings and encourage quiet listening, noticing visual changes, touching new textures, smelling scents around you and tasting different things!